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IRIS LIST

and digging time prices on special bulbs

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING

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We prepay postage on orders of \$1.00 and up. Under \$1.00 send 5c extra for 1 to 3 bulbs; 10c extra for over 3.

IRIS CULTURE

Every garden should have a place for Iris. If the untidy appearance of some varieties in late summer annoys you, then plant them at the back or in a remote corner. Their exquisite beauty and gorgeous colors when in bloom will signal for attention and your visitors will all find them.

The dictionary has not yet been written that will supply words to do justice to the beauty of modern forms of Iris. In the section of Bearded Iris there are many types a few of which are referred to. A **Plicata** is one having a ground color of white or a light tint, with deeper colors flushing, bordering or drawn on in dots or lines. A **Bicolor** has standards, or upright petals, of a lighter tone than that of the falls, or drooping petals. The **Variegatas** have standards (S) in a yellow tone, and falls (F) in a great variety of reds or maroons.

Blends. The colors of iris are always beautifully blended. When the blue, red, pink, yellow or brown colors blend in several color tones in an especially rich and pleasing manner, the variety is often described as a "Blend."

Plant Iris any time of the year. The best time is right after blooming. This is in June with California grown roots. Here the plants bloom earlier than in the north or east and are ready to plant earlier, thus giving a longer period of growth. If planted early you may get many flowers the next spring. If planted in the late fall you get only a few flowers and possibly not any until the second spring.

Plant the rhizomes not over 1" deep. Water sparingly until growth begins, then freely. The more vigorously they grow, the more flowers you will have. Plant in full sun exposure unless otherwise directed in description of variety. They grow well in any soil but like very sandy or gritty soil less than good heavy soils. We retract our former advice to make the soil acid with peat. They appear to do better in a neutral soil. But some authorities do advise the acid soil. Also retract about wood ashes. They seem to like a light application of ashes or lime.

Do not use any barnyard manures on Iris. It is often fatal to them.

Do you have large clumps that fail to bloom? Probably they are too crowded. Divide in June to August. Smaller clumps may not

bloom because you encouraged growth in late summer and fall when they need to rest. Let them dry out and bake in the hot sun of August and later.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Ten excellent varieties including Cecil Houdyshel, Eleanor Brooks, Bobby Houdyshel, Magnifica, Mother of Pearl and 5 others of our selection for \$1.00.

Twenty varieties of good Iris including Magnifica, Isolene, Mother of Pearl, and 17 more of our selection for \$1.00.

Any variety named in above collections may be omitted but the substitute must be left to us. Other than this the customer may not specify. If you wish to avoid duplicating the varieties you have, buy from the list.

The two collections with no duplicates, 30 sorts for \$2.00.

Seedling Iris Offer. For 25 years we have bred Iris. Plicatas were our hobby. We have a lot of seedlings, including many plicatas, that are not intended for introduction. They are mostly of delicate beauty. Many pinks, some reds, no purples. Some are dwarf, some medium. None are of the huge, tall, branching type. They are entirely different from the old type of "flags." They may lack the perfection of form and the large size that has been developed by other breeders but this development, we think, did have to sacrifice something of the delicate beauty, the rich pastel tones of these.

Most of these will be suitable to your rock garden, borders or elsewhere. They are unnamed, no labels, as many varieties as possible but there may be duplicates.

Thirty-five roots, post paid \$1.00.

\$2.50 per 100 prepaid. By express, not prepaid, 50 for \$1.00. 100 for \$1.85.

Assorted Iris Collection. We have several "lost label" Iris. They are mostly older types. Many of the lavender and blues. Some very good ones in every lot. Mostly tall, large flowers. Many duplicates. Price, 50 for \$1.00 by express, charges collect, but not C.O.D. Per 100, \$1.75.

Fall Bloomers. Many of our seedlings bloom out of season, especially in fall. Some have been segregated. Mostly dwarf, and delicate colors but no purples, lavender or violet ones. These are not tagged so you may get duplicates but we try to avoid it. We don't know what they will do in other climates. Seven for \$1.00.

Named Fall Bloomers. Our varieties Golden Cataract and Everblooming Plicata are, we think, the nearest everblooming Iris so far produced. Here they show at least a few flowers for at least half the months in the year. These with Eleanor Roosevelt and one unnamed seedling make a nice collection of Everblooming Iris. Four var. for \$3.50.

LIST OF BEARDED IRIS

A. E. Kunderd. S. yellow bronze; F. magenta

- red. 5c.
- Airy Dream.** 42". Ruffled orchid pink. Fine, late. 25c.
- Alta California.** 48". Deep yellow, perfect in form. 40c.
- Amas.** Hyssop violet and petunia violet. 5c.
- Ambassadeur.** 42". S. red violet; F. purple maroon. Late. 15c.
- Aphrodite.** Famous pink. 25c.
- Arcadia Blue.** Pale blue. very early. Also fall bloomer. 20c.
- Arnols.** S. rose bronze; F. maroon, 5c.
- Atroviolacea.** Very early dark violet. 5c.
- Asia.** 48". S. lavender; F. violet-purple blend. Late. 20c.
- Aunt Rachel.** S. light violet; F. pansy violet, edged white. 5c.
- Aurea.** A dwarf with vivid yellow flowers. F. marked maroon. Name doubtful. 10c.
- Ballerine.** 48". Large, fragrant, wisteria blue Extra fine. 10c.
- Barrelane.** Blue lavender. F. tinted red violet. 5c.
- Beau Sabreur.** Rich red and yellow blend. 25c.
- Berchta.** Early light yellow. 5c.
- Blue Beard.** Better, deeper blue than parent, Crimson King. Off season bloomer. 40c.
- Bluet.** A true blue. 5c.
- Blue Velvet.** 46". Intense, deep velvet blue. 35c.
- Bobby Houdyshel.** Dwarf plicata. Ground color white, heavily flushed, stippled and feathered phlox pink. Beautiful as an orchid. 10c.
- Buechley's Giant.** Perfectly formed, massive blue flowers; very tall. 40c.
- California Blue.** 60". Rich blue violet with glowing orange beard. Long blooming season. Deliciously fragrant. 25c.
- California Gold.** Tall. The deepest large yellow and the best. \$2.75.
- Cameliard.** 48". Lovely 7 inch flowers, yellow and wine blend. 15c.
- Candelabre.** S. White, tinted violet; F. violet brown. 5c.
- Canyon Mists.** 40". Pink mauve self colored. Beautiful. 25c.
- Caprice.** Red lilac. 5c.
- Caterina.** Tall, large lavender blue. 10c.
- Cecil Houdyshel.** Tall plicata. Ground color white, heavily flushed and feathered lavender. Hardy everywhere. 25c.
- Cherubim.** Hortense violet. 5c.
- Cinnabar.** Rich velvety deep red violet. 30c.
- Claridad.** 30". Purest blue iris. 25c.
- Coronation.** 36". Fine, large, deep golden yellow. 25c.
- Cucamonga.** Tall velvety blue-violet. Combines best qualities of Dominion and Mesopotamica. 50c.
- Darius.** S. canary yellow; F. lilac with white margin. 5c.
- Delight.** Tall, pink and white plicata. 15c.
- Depute Nomblot.** 52". Considered the most perfect iris. S. copper red; F. claret crimson. Gigantic. Dyke's medal. 35c.
- Dolly Madison.** 36". Large flowers blended mauve and yellow. 15c.
- Don Quixote.** 42". Large, blended violet and brown. 20c.
- Dr. C. E. Fortin.** Red toned flowers. 10c.
- Druid.** 36". Red maroon and brown. 35c.
- El Capitan.** 40". Manganese violet. Largest and finest. 25c.
- Eleanor Brooks.** Phlox pink and yellow plicata. Small lovely iris. 25c.
- Eleanor Roosevelt.** Dark Purple. Free fall bloomer. 25c.
- Everblooming Plicata.** Our seedling not yet named but offered for trial. Please report on it. Standards heavily flushed Saccardo's Violet. Falls, white bordered and veined in throat with violet. Plicata type. Not a large flower. Stems 15" to 20". Pretty. Nearly always in bloom. \$2.50.
- Fairy.** Lovely white and blue blend. Honey locust fragrance. 10c.
- Flambeau.** Free bloomer. Tall pale yellow. Throat reticulated cinnamon. 15c.
- Franchville.** 54". S. fawn, tinted lilac; F. red purple edged heliotrope. 25c.
- Frieda Mohr.** 42". Fragrant deep pink. 7-in. flower. One of best. 25c.
- Gaviota.** Fine cream white, edged yellow. 15c.
- Geo. Yeld.** 40". S. apricot flushed rose; F. crimson edged buff. 25c.
- Glorie de Hillegom.** Early, light violet. 5c.
- Glowing Embers.** 42". Rich bronze bicolor. 25c.
- Golden Cataract.** A pure deep golden yellow. Here it blooms the year around except when very hot in mid-summer or when winter is very cold. No other Iris except our Everblooming Plicata approaches it in profusion of flowers. We want everyone to have this gorgeous new Iris. Therefore we reduce the price again. \$1.00 each. \$9 00 doz.
- Grevin.** S. violet, tipped yellow brown; F. violet purple. 10c.
- Halo.** Lavender blue and violet. 15c.
- Hidalgo.** Light blue. Fine form. 10c.
- Hudson's Choice.** S. tan; F. red-maroon. Variegata. 5c.
- Ingeborg.** Fine early white, veined gold. 5c.
- Iris King.** Lovely old variegata. S. deep yellow; F. maroon, bordered yellow. 15c.
- Isolene.** Lovely, lilac pink and old rose. Likes partial shade. 5c.
- Jacquisiana.** S. bronze red lilac; F. purple red. 5c.
- Jean Cayeaux.** Gorgeous Havanna brown. 60c.
- Jean D'Arc.** White and lavender plicata. 15c.
- Jessie McInness.** S. yellow; F. carmine edged lemon. 5c.
- Juniata.** Tall blue violet. 5c.
- Kashmiriana.** White, washed lavender. 5c.
- King Juba.** Tall. Golden standards and contrasting velvety red falls. 35c.
- Kochii.** Dark, almost black, violet. 5c.
- Lady Foster.** Beautiful large lavender. 5c.
- Lohengrin.** Orchid rose. 10c.
- Lord of June.** Large lavender blue. 15c.
- Loreley.** S. yellow; F. raisin purple bordered yellow. 10c.
- Los Angeles.** Tall, large plicata. Snow white edged blue. 25c.
- Loudoun.** 30". Yellow, lined and dotted with chestnut. 20c.
- Magnifica.** 42". Large crimson toned flower. Most popular. 10c.
- Mary Barnett.** 42". One of the best light blues. 25c.
- Mary Gibson.** 42". Early. Rosy bronze blended yellow. 25c.
- Melchior.** 36". S. bronze violet; F. velvety crimson violet. 6-inch flower. 25c.
- Mercedes.** Pink plicata. 5c.
- Merlin.** Violet pink. 5c.
- Mesopotamica.** 40". Giant fragrant lavender. Not hardy east. 20c.
- Messaline.** 38". Very large. Red brown and red violet blend. 25c.
- Midgard.** 30". Pastel pink and yellow blend. 30c.
- Mirasol.** 30". Bright deep chrome yellow. Fine form. 35c.

Mme. Cheri. Large pink and violet blend. 15c.
Moneta. Tall, red purple and violet bicolor. Off season bloomer. 50c.
Mons Hubert. S. violet, bronze throat; F. lobelia, maroon veins on amber throat. 5c.
Mother of Pearl. 44". Mother of Pearl color overlaid with gold. Fine. 10c.
Mrs. H. Darwin. Plicata, white. Falls marked violet. 5c.
Mrs. Rapp. Violet lavender. 5c.
Navajo. S. yellow; F. maroon red. 10c.
Neptune. S. pale blue; F. purple blue. Fine. 5c.
Numa Roumestan. 36". Intensely red. Frilled petals. 30c.
Opera. S. pansy violet; F. violet purple. 10c.
Pacific. 36". Gigantic deep blue. A magnificent early iris. 40c.
Pale Moonlight. Very pale blue. 75c.
Parc de Neuilly. Late plum purple. 5c.
Persia. 36". Very large, refined, bluish lavender and steel blue. 35c.
Pres. Pilkington. 40". S. vinaceous buff over old gold; F. soft violet edged silvery brown. 25c.
Prospero. S. lavender; F. red purple. 10c.
Purissima. 44". the most perfect white. Gigantic flowers. 25c.
Queen Caterina. 38". Extra fine, fragrant bright lavender. 10c.
Queen of May. Earliest pink. 15c.
Querida. 42". Blended pastel tints, mauve to white. Fragrant. 20c.
Raffet. Late, very dark blue. 10c.
Rangoon. Large late violet. 5c.
Rhein Nixe. S. white; F. violet blue, white border. 10c.
Rialgar. 22". Deep buttercup yellow and bronze. Very showy. 15c.
Ring Dove. Lavender violet. 5c.
Romola. 38". S. lilac; F. rich velvety red violet. 10c.
Rose Madder. 42". Brilliant rose madder. 15c.
Rosultra. 40". Early, bright rose. Fine garden effect. 30c.
Sacramento. A giant plicata like San Francisco but edged red purple. 30c.
San Francisco. 44". Finest, largest plicata Lavender blue on white. Dykes medal. 25c.
San Gabriel. 60". Pink lavender. Extra fine. Too early for east. 25c.
San Luis Rey. 38". Large red purple. 35c.
Santa Barbara. 40". Finest lavender blue. Very large, perfect form. 15c.
Seedling A-1. Fine lavender bicolor. Not distinct enough to name. Too good to throw away. 10c.
Sequoiah. 36". Reddish bicolor. F. margined lighter. 15c.
Shasta. 40". Gigantic snow white. Perfect form. Early. 25c.
Sherbert. Old gold and brown. 15c.
Sierra Blue. 50". Clear soft blue. Enormous flowers on well branched stems. Perfection. Dykes medal winner. \$1.00.
Sindjha. Dull lavender and olive blended. Unusual and fine. 5c.
Sir Michael. 48". S. clear lavender blue; F. red purple suffused copper brown. One of the world's best iris. 30c.
Snow Cup. Extremely early white, late winter here. 10c.
Souv. de Mme Gaudichau. 36". Dark velvety blue purple. Fine form, early and fragrant, 15c.
Sunset Gold. Medium size, yellow. F. reticulated violet. Fall bloomer. 25c.

Titan. S. violet blue; F. violet purple. Large. 5c.
Ute Chief. S. blue violet; F. royal purple. Red toned. 5c.
Valencia. 24". Russet color of a valencia orange. Ruffled. 15c.
Walhalla. S. light blue; F. violet. A fine large iris. 5c.

BEARDLESS IRIS

Some of our best Iris are in this section. Most of them cannot be planted until fall. But they should be ordered now for delivery when ready. The proper time for moving is noted with each one listed.

DUTCH IRIS

Dutch Iris are the best Iris for cut flowers. They are not fragile like Bearded Iris. For complete list of varieties see our fall catalog. See "Digging Time Specials" (below) for a bargain offer of mixed varieties.

Louisiana Iris. These grow up to 3 or 4 feet and are most gorgeous in color. Being recently introduced to cultivation they are little known but they are a "must have" for Iris lovers. We paid \$7.50 for Moricolor. Now we can price them within anyone's means. They prefer moist semi-shade but do well in full sun and ordinary garden conditions. Fall delivery.

Varieties: Old Rose, a real pastel color, \$2.50 Moricolor, late, raisin purple (red purple) 50c. Royal Purple. \$1.00. Violipurpurea, cotinga purple, (red purple) 50c. Zama, early raisin purple, 75c.

Other Southern Species. Albo-spiritus, 2 ft., large white, \$1.00. Rivularis, 2 ft., purple, 50c. Savannarum, 2 ft., lavender, 75c.

Pacific Coast Iris. When established in semi-shade they do well here. Fall delivery. Douglasiana, 2 ft., lavender, \$1.00. Watsoniana, 2 ft., a fine royal purple, \$1.00.

Spuria Group. These are tall, 3 ft. to 5 ft., easy to grow, fine in garden or for cutting. They like lots of water and semi-shade but do fine in ordinary garden situations and full sun. Fall delivery. Aurea, golden yellow, 50c. Aurea hybrids:— Alice Eastwood, very deep rich yellow, larger flowers on a taller stem. \$1.00. Golden State; deep rich yellow, petals wavy, ruffled. \$1.25. (Last two may be incorrectly named, but description is right.) Ochroleuca; white, with golden blotch, 40c.

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

Iris Ensata. Lovely small lavender, very early. Fall delivery. 25c.
I. reticulata. Bulbous, like small Dutch Iris. 8". Blooms February. Violet scented. Very scarce. Grows well in pots. Summer and fall delivery. Plant in fall. 30c.
I. stylasa. Lovely winter blooming Iris. Lavender. Prefers part shade. Fall delivery. 25c.
I. tectorum. Roof Iris of Japan. Lovely lavender flowers. Prefers semi-shade. Can move now or fall. 25c.

DIGGING TIME SPECIALS

Miscellaneous Bulbs

For obvious reasons we sell few bulbs in the summer and have the heavy expenses of grow-

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ing and digging. In order to bring in some cash at this time we offer some real bargains at a price which is good only until our fall catalog is issued in August. Delivery will be from late June to August 15. See catalog for descriptions and culture.

Aroids. *Arum italicum*, 10c. *Dracunculus vulgaris*, 15c, 25c, and 40c each.

Dutch Iris. 60 for \$1.00. Blooming sizes. We will throw a lot of varieties into this mixture but it is possible that one color may so predominate that you will get mostly or even all of one color. All good sorts.

Freesias. 50 for \$1.00. Assorted colors. Will include white or omit it if you request.

Ixias. 30c doz.

Habranthus miniatus (or *Hippeastrum ad-venum*). Oxblood lily. Blooms in Sept. Deep red. 6 for \$1.00. (value \$1.50).

Leucojum vernum. Spring Snow Flakes. 45c doz. 30 for \$1.00.

Lycorus radiata. The gorgeous red spider lily. 15c ea. 4 for 50c. 9 for \$1.00.

Lycoris squamigera. Amaryllis Halli, 60c ea.

Roman Hyacinths. Blue. 40c to 60c doz. all blooming sizes.

Tritonia, Prince of Orange. 30c doz.

Don't forget Sales Tax on California order

ANEMONES & RANUNCULUS

We have at least 100,000 bulbs on hand which we wish to close out this summer. We will make the price one that will sell all. These are the best strains from double Ranunculus and single to semi-double Anemones.

Now we admit right here that it is too warm in the interior of Southern California to grow them this late. But around San Francisco Bay region and in other cool coastal regions and certain places in the mountains they do fine. It might do to try them in warmer sections in the cool shade of trees where they get morning and evening sun only. But that is experimental. The price will permit experimenting.

The Size. These are small tubers. Ranunculus are No. 4, Anemones are small No. 3.

This is not the best size in hands of amateurs. We prefer always No. 3, good sized

3's. But when we sold out last fall no more 3's could be bought. So we bought these smaller ones. They perform well with constantly correct culture. But don't let them dry out after starting. Only once drying, and there goes success. And that's one reason why winter season is the best time.

Culture. Sprout the tubers before planting between folds of a wet sack, placed in cool shade of a tree. Set out before sprouts are an inch long. Protect from birds or poultry.

Don't forget,

Keep 'em wet. (but not soggy.)

We will suggest that if you cannot plant now in your location that you buy now for early fall planting. These are 1938 crop and will grow faster and bloom earlier than 1939 crop of bulbs. You can have flowers in November if started as soon as summer heat is moderated. Like Cleopatra, age does not hurt them. One year old tubers grow faster than recently dug ones. But older ones are not advised. With proper handling we believe you can get 75% or more germination of these No. 4 Ranunculus. The No. 3 Anemones should go to 90% we think.

Ranunculus and Anemones prefer a well prepared of deep sandy loam. Dig in and thoroughly with the soil plenty of well manure, leaf mold, or peat. Use a good fertilizer when 3" high. Apply every two weeks or so in small doses. Use ground sheep manure, Vigoro, or any good commercial fertilizer. Carefully avoid burning. Mulch with rotted manure, leaf mold or peat.

Prices that talk. Either No. 4 Ranunculus or small No. 3 Anemones, per 100, 35c. 300 for \$1.00. 1000 of either (or the two) for \$2.60.

P.S.—I find we have only 15,000 Ranunculus, 85,000 Anemones; so order mostly anemones. They will grow easier any way.

Named Anemones.— His Excellency. A fine red. Large No. 3 size. Per doz., 25c. 50 for 65c. 100 for \$1.20. **Blue Poppy.** Large single blue. Large No. 3 size. Per doz., 25c. 50 for 75c.

In California add Sales Tax to the cost.